

Tavakkoli, and Mr. Vahid Tizfahm, all of Tehran—were arrested and reportedly taken to Evin Prison, the same facility where Haleh Esfandiari, director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars here in Washington, spent 105 days last year.

In addition, on March 5, another Bahá'i leader, Mrs. Mahvash Sabet, also of Tehran, was summoned to the city of Mashhad by the Ministry of Intelligence.

I am concerned that these arrests signal an escalation of repression against the Bahá'i community in Iran. These actions do not befit the rich heritage of Iranian civilization, and I call upon the leadership of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release the seven Bahá'i leaders promptly and unconditionally.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GALE S. POLLOCK

• Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I would like to recognize a great American and true military heroine who has honorably served our country for 32 years.

Major General Pollock was born in Kearny, NJ, and entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1976 after earning her BSN from the University of Maryland. She also completed a master's of business administration from Boston University, a master's in healthcare administration from Baylor University, and a master's in national security and strategy from the National Defense University. Major General Pollock also attended the U.S. Army Nurse Anesthesia Program and is a certified registered nurse anesthetist, CRNA, and a fellow in The American College of Healthcare Executives.

Major General Pollock's military education includes Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; the U.S. Air Force War College; the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, the Military Health System CAPSTONE Program, the Principles of Advanced Nurse Administrators, and the NATO staff officer course.

Major General Pollock became the Deputy Surgeon General for Force Management December 11, 2007. She also served as Chief, Army Nurse Corps and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command/Acting Surgeon General.

Major General Pollock's past military assignments include special assistant to the Surgeon General for Information Management and Health Policy; commander, Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, GA; commander, U.S. Army Medical Activity, Fort Drum, NY; staff officer, Strategic Initiatives Command Group for the Army Surgeon General; Department of Defense health care advisor to the Congressional Commission on Serv-

ice Members and Veterans Transition Assistance, health fitness advisor at the National Defense University; senior policy analyst in Health Affairs, DOD; and chief anesthesia nursing service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Throughout her career Major General Pollock has served with valor and profoundly impacted the entire Army Medical Department. Her performance reflects exceptionally on herself, the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Major General Pollock on behalf of a grateful nation for her more than 32 years of dedicated military service.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ETHAN, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Ethan, South Dakota. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Ethan for all that they have accomplished.

The city of Ethan was founded in 1883 as a railroad town named after Ethan Allen of historical fame. Jerome Miles was the primary landowner of Ethan Territory. The first school was built in 1885, followed by the first Catholic and Methodist churches which were both built in 1887.

Today, Ethan is a growing and developing small town community located in Davison County. Ethan has a population of 312 and is home to numerous colorful characters, including many descendants of the original founders. Ethan features several local businesses, including grain elevators, hotels, banks, restaurants, doctor's offices, churches, a public school, and a beautiful park. Ethan Coop Lumber just celebrated their 100 year anniversary in 2007, and Ethan Public School has been declared a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ethan will be commemorating its anniversary with a celebration on the weekend of June 13-15. The town plans to hold the Miss Ethan Pageant, a street dance, a parade, and hot air balloon rides. The events of the weekend promise to provide great opportunities to celebrate such a historic milestone.

Even 125 years after its founding, Ethan continues to be a vibrant community. I am proud to honor the accomplishments of the people of Ethan, and congratulate them on this impressive achievement.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORONA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I recognize the community of Corona, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Corona is a rural community located in Roberts County, and will be celebrating its

quasiquicentennial the weekend of June 20-22 with a street dance, a 5k walk/run, hot air balloon rides, a parade, and fireworks.

In 1881, a town site called Prior was plotted approximately 1½ miles north of the future site of Corona, named for its owner, C. H. Prior. Prior was the original stopping point for the postal service until moving to the present location of Corona in 1883, which provided closer access to the railroad.

The early business district of Corona was comprised of a doctor, a newspaper, two banks, four grocery stores, a butcher shop, a post office, four grain elevators, a general store, a hardware store, a creamery, and two lumber yards. Main Street was marked with hitching posts, gasoline lights, and wooden sidewalks that were notorious for their hazardous conditions when wet.

Today, Corona still boasts several businesses including a café, a post office, a grain elevator, and most importantly, the Corona Learning Center. Three industrial enterprises are also based in the area: Mark's Custom Woodworking, Ammann Honey Farm, and Dakota Machine Works. Despite the hardworking nature of Corona's inhabitants, they still manage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with one of the longest parades in the State, whether rain, snow, or shine.

Most South Dakotans call small towns like Corona home. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Corona and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be a South Dakotan. Even 125 years after its founding, Corona continues to be a vibrant addition to our wonderful State, and I once again congratulate them on this achievement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are panted at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the

following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2146. An act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR DURING ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 12, 2008, the following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5749. An act to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6586. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Treatments for Plant Pests" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0091) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6587. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Designation of Portion of Willacy County, TX, as a Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0057) received on June 16, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6588. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Importation of Horses; Noncompetitive Entertainment Horses From Countries Affected With Contagious Equine Metritis" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0164) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6589. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton World Price Determination" (RIN0560-AH78) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6590. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutolanil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No.

8365-6) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6591. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8366-4) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6592. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "(Z)-7,8-epoxy-2-methyloctadecane; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8367-7) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6593. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act within the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6594. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6595. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XI07) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6596. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Rail Interchange Commitments" (OMB Control No. 2140-0016) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6597. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6598. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6599. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that response and recovery efforts in the State of Texas have exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6600. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the re-authorization of the Upper Guadalupe River flood damage reduction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6601. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of the Stratospheric Ozone: Alternatives for the Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning Sector Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program" (FRL No. 8578-1)

received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6602. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential Use Allowances for Calendar Year 2008" (FRL No. 8577-9) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6603. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information" (RIN1992-AA35) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6604. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2008" (RIN3159-A128) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6605. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for Several Body Systems Listings" (AG81) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6606. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Third Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6607. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Conversion of Nonprofit Organizations" (LMSB-04-0408-024) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6608. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Accounting Method for Contributions to Capital" (Rev. Rule 2008-30) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6609. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Plasmodium Species Antigen Detection Assays" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0231); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6610. A communication from the Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6611. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6612. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.